

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing Of Claims:**

1-9. (Canceled)

10. (New) A connecting device for attaching a sensor device relative to a glass pane of motor vehicle, comprising:

a structure including a contact space to be located between the sensor device and the glass pane, wherein:

the contact space is sealed, and

a partial vacuum is provided in the contact space.

11. (New) The connecting device as recited in Claim 10, wherein:

a maximum amount of water vapor is provided in the contact space in such a way that a relative air moisture is less than 100% under a provided operating condition.

12. (New) The connecting device as recited in Claim 10, wherein:

a dry gas is provided in the contact space.

13. (New) The connecting device as recited in Claim 10, further comprising:

at least one of an optically, condensed medium and an NIR-transparent, condensed medium provided in the contact space.

14. (New) The connecting device as recited in Claim 10, further comprising:

attachment nubs provided on a surface of the structure facing the glass pane.

15. (New) A method of attaching a sensor device relative to a glass pane of a motor vehicle, comprising:
- situating a connecting device between the sensor device and the glass pane in an area defining a contact space; and
  - generating a partial vacuum in the contact space.
16. (New) The method as recited in Claim 15, wherein the generating the partial vacuum includes:
- heating an inside of the contact space,
  - following the heating, sealing the contact space, and
  - subsequent to the sealing, cooling the inside of the contact space.
17. (New) The method as recited in Claim 15, wherein the generating the partial vacuum includes:
- performing an evacuating using an orifice in the contact space, and
  - subsequent to the evacuating, sealing the contact space.
18. (New) The method as recited in Claim 10, further comprising:
- providing at least one of an optically, condensed medium and an NIR-transparent, condensed medium in the contact space.